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# UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS, FEBRUARY, 1950.

## 1. GENERAL

This bulletin, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947-49, for the month of February, 1950, and the eight months ended February, 1950. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services. Owing to circumstances beyond the control of this Bureau no bulletin has been issued since that for June, 1949.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit.

Special Benefit is paid in cases of hardship where the claimant is not qualified for either of the other benefits. The numbers of New Australians receiving special benefit have now been excluded from the tables in this bulletin; the amount of such benefits paid, however, is included in Table I.

The number of "persons on benefit" relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are excluded.

Admittances and exits in Sections 3, 5 (pars. ii, iii, & iv) and 6 refer to those notified during the period shown and not to those which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated.

## 2. ALL BENEFITS.

(i) Benefits Paid : Benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State in February, 1950 and the eight months ended February, 1950 are shown in the following table.

### I. AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING FEBRUARY, 1950, AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1950 - STATES.

(£.)

State	Benefits paid during February, 1950.				Benefits paid during the eight months ended February, 1950			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special (a)	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special (a)	Total
N.S.W.(b)	528	22,837	18,923	42,288	1,068,209	200,548	125,709	1,394,466
Victoria	492	16,292	6,973	23,757	4,940	145,915	102,460	253,315
Queensland	6,661	9,309	924	16,894	105,915	70,668	6,677	183,260
S. Aust.(c)	79	4,897	580	5,556	32,993	54,822	13,170	100,985
W. Aust.	305	5,222	5,183	10,710	16,566	38,527	40,953	96,046
Tasmania	103	2,190	231	2,524	1,495	25,205	2,990	29,690
TOTAL :	8,168	60,747	32,814	101,729	1,230,118	535,685	291,959	2,057,762

(a) Includes amounts paid to New Australians. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Claims Admitted and Benefits Discontinued : The Following table shows, for each State, the number of persons admitted to each class of benefit and the number whose benefits were discontinued during the eight months ended February, 1950.

### II. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1950 - STATES.

State	P e r s o n s							
	Claims Admitted - eight months ended February, 1950				Benefits discontinued - Eight Months ended February, 1950			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W.(a)	126,916	15,723	2,123	144,762	126,797	15,325	2,081	144,203
Victoria	726	9,817	489	11,032	634	8,629	361	9,624
Queensland	17,936	6,675	483	25,094	17,201	6,616	433	24,250
S. Aust.(b)	6,493	4,297	359	11,149	6,483	4,147	341	10,971
W. Australia	5,778	3,656	147	9,581	5,715	3,636	150	9,501
Tasmania	119	2,023	88	2,230	421	1,990	89	2,200
TOTAL :	157,963	42,191	3,689	203,848	156,951	40,343	3,455	200,749

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

2. (iii) Claims Admitted, Discontinuances and Persons on Benefit :  
The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1948-49 and for the months February, 1949 to February, 1950 the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit :-

III. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT  
AUSTRALIA.

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
<u>CLAIMS ADMITTED.</u>									
Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947-48	27,275	1,387	53,947	15,539	1,527	650	82,749	17,576	100,325
1948-49	11,459	667	53,662	15,202	1,631	785	66,752	16,654	83,406
1949 Feb.	1,460	58	4,000	1,224	100	64	5,560	1,346	6,906
March	1,157	49	4,040	1,176	116	55	5,313	1,280	6,593
April	1,020	63	4,598	1,297	120	57	5,738	1,417	7,155
May	513	40	4,086	1,165	129	66	4,728	1,271	5,999
June	500	61	4,062	1,094	125	50	4,687	1,205	5,892
July	112,746	28,415	5,351	1,505	1,783	357	119,880	30,277	150,157
Aug.	10,206	1,595	4,046	1,228	274	84	14,526	2,907	17,433
Sept.	651	92	4,185	1,287	159	73	4,995	1,452	6,447
Oct.	525	105	5,189	1,726	198	85	5,912	1,916	7,828
Nov.	420	64	3,832	1,214	121	82	4,373	1,360	5,733
Dec. (a)	556	62	3,162	919	96	38	3,814	1,019	4,833
1950 Jan. (a)	1,503	59	3,930	1,121	164	54	5,597	1,234	6,831
Feb. (a)	913	56	2,721	775	94	27	3,728	858	4,586

DISCONTINUANCES.

Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947-48	31,538	1,494	53,785	15,244	1,503	497	86,826	17,235	104,061
1948-49	12,143	670	51,933	14,871	1,531	614	65,607	16,155	81,762
1949 Feb.	1,189	59	3,895	1,088	85	49	5,169	1,196	6,365
March	1,137	55	3,941	1,108	108	51	5,186	1,214	6,400
April	1,570	57	4,731	1,373	118	38	6,419	1,468	7,887
May	1,236	42	3,619	1,074	120	30	4,975	1,146	6,121
June	568	38	3,374	982	103	43	4,045	1,063	5,108
July	30,600	10,210	5,542	1,608	491	167	36,633	11,985	48,618
Aug.	88,740	19,115	3,904	1,107	1,413	196	94,057	20,418	114,475
Sept.	3,918	629	3,946	1,120	216	69	8,080	1,818	9,898
Oct.	835	160	4,885	1,473	192	52	5,912	1,685	7,597
Nov.	448	75	3,754	1,220	134	51	4,336	1,346	5,682
Dec. (a)	287	58	3,009	921	111	47	3,407	1,026	4,433
1950 Jan. (a)	1,059	86	3,626	1,055	123	65	4,808	1,206	6,014
Feb. (a)	687	44	2,521	652	89	39	3,297	735	4,032

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.

1946- June	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947- June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
1948- June	1,718	120	7,426	2,514	215	418	9,359	3,052	12,411
1949- Feb.	2,355	96	8,034	2,650	274	523	10,663	3,269	13,932
March	2,375	90	8,133	2,718	282	527	10,790	3,335	14,125
April	1,825	96	8,000	2,642	284	546	10,109	3,284	13,393
May	1,102	94	8,467	2,733	293	582	9,862	3,409	13,271
June	1,034	117	9,155	2,845	315	589	10,504	3,551	14,055
July	83,180	18,322	8,964	2,742	1,607	779	93,751	21,843	115,594
Aug.	4,646	802	9,106	2,863	468	667	14,220	4,332	18,552
Sept.	1,379	265	9,345	3,030	411	671	11,135	3,966	15,101
Oct.	1,069	210	9,649	3,283	417	704	11,135	4,197	15,332
Nov.	1,041	199	9,727	3,277	404	735	11,172	4,211	15,383
Dec. (a)	1,310	203	9,880	3,275	389	726	11,579	4,204	15,783
1950 Jan. (a)	1,754	176	10,184	3,341	430	715	12,368	4,232	16,000
Feb. (a)	1,980	188	10,384	3,464	435	703	12,799	4,355	17,154

(a) Subject to Revision.

### 3. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

(i) Duration : The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during February, 1950, and the eight months ended February, 1950, is shown in the following table :-

#### IV. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING FEBRUARY, 1950 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	Persons							
	February, 1950				Eight months ended February, 1950			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	149	272	8	429	11,712	2,342	161	14,215
1 and under 2	220	634	15	869	19,129	5,262	305	24,696
2 " " 3	146	548	20	714	15,566	5,116	367	21,049
3 " " 4	138	502	18	658	17,984	4,676	378	23,038
4 " " 5	90	357	13	460	18,518	3,558	366	22,442
5 " " 9	160	799	37	996	71,760	8,849	1,287	81,896
9 " " 13	49	450	13	512	1,520	4,229	190	5,939
13 " " 27	52	538	40	630	601	4,575	263	5,439
27 and over	20	234	18	272	161	1,736	138	2,035
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>4,334</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>5,540</b>	<b>156,951</b>	<b>40,343</b>	<b>3,455</b>	<b>200,749</b>

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during February, 1950, and the eight months ended February, 1950 the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit :-

#### V. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING FEBRUARY, 1950 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1950.

##### PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA. (Per Cent)

Duration of Benefits	February, 1950.				Eight Months ended February, 1950			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and over	1.95	5.40	9.89	4.91	0.10	4.30	3.99	1.01
13 " "	7.03	17.81	31.87	16.28	0.48	15.64	11.60	3.72
9 " "	11.82	28.19	39.01	25.52	1.45	26.13	17.10	6.81
5 " "	27.44	46.63	59.34	43.50	47.17	48.06	54.35	47.47
4 " "	36.23	54.87	66.48	51.80	58.97	56.88	64.95	58.65
3 " "	49.71	66.45	76.37	63.68	70.43	68.47	75.89	70.13
2 " "	63.96	79.09	87.36	76.57	80.35	81.15	86.51	80.62
1 " "	85.45	93.72	95.60	92.26	92.54	94.20	95.34	92.92
Less than 1	14.55	6.28	4.40	7.74	7.46	5.80	4.66	7.08

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during February, 1950, and the eight months ended February, 1950 are shown below :-

#### VI. REASONS FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING FEBRUARY, 1950 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1950 : AUSTRALIA.

Reasons for Cessation	February, 1950				Eight Months ended February, 1950.			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	543	53.01	2,575	59.41	128,316	81.76	23,626	58.58
Incapacity terminated	-	-	1,292	29.85	-	-	12,128	30.05
Failure to report (a)	388	37.90	40	0.92	27,046	17.24	408	1.01
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	37	3.61	37	0.85	821	0.52	597	1.48
Statutory Age Limit (b)	3	0.29	5	0.11	45	0.03	100	0.25
Permanent incapacity (c)	10	0.98	170	3.92	96	0.06	1,606	3.97
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance	2	0.20	6	0.13	8	0.00	45	0.11
Death	1	0.10	73	1.68	29	0.02	668	1.66
Transfer to another district	18	1.76	78	1.80	301	0.19	543	1.35
Other	22	2.15	58	1.33	289	0.18	622	1.54
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4,334</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>156,951</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>40,343</b>	<b>100.00</b>

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension. (c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.



## 4. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH FEBRUARY, 1950.

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment : The Proportion of persons on benefit at 25th February, 1950 to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 63 per 10,000 comprising 8 unemployment, 51 sickness and 4 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females :-

## VII. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH FEBRUARY, 1950.

## PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.

Sex	Proportion	Number on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	Per 10,000 males	10	52	2	64
Females	Per 10,000 females	3	47	10	60
Persons	Per 10,000 persons	8	51	4	63

(ii) State Totals : The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 25th February, 1950.

## VIII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH FEBRUARY, 1950 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W. (a)	336	66	3,711	1,218	134	213	4,181	1,497	5,678
Victoria	124	19	3,355	1,277	153	232	3,632	1,528	5,160
Queensland	1,310	73	1,366	365	82	110	2,758	548	3,306
S. Aust.(b)	36	4	875	289	33	36	944	329	1,273
W.Australia	150	20	704	204	22	51	876	275	1,151
Tasmania	24	6	373	111	11	61	408	178	586
Total 25th Feb., 1950	1,980	188	10,384	3,464	435	703	12,799	4,355	17,154
Total 26th Feb., 1949	2,355	96	8,034	2,650	274	523	10,663	3,269	13,932

- (a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.  
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages : Distribution of persons on benefit at 25th February, 1950 according to age groups is shown in the following table :-

## IX. AGE OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH FEBRUARY, 1950 : AUSTRALIA.

Age Group (as at 31st Dec., 1949)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 Years	88	43	716	752	22	49	826	844	1,670
20 - 24 "	222	53	1,289	801	3	46	1,514	900	2,414
25 - 29 "	224	19	990	367	5	50	1,219	436	1,655
30 - 34 "	186	14	894	276	6	49	1,086	339	1,425
35 - 39 "	191	11	924	253	15	77	1,130	341	1,471
40 - 44 "	192	13	940	248	-	86	1,132	347	1,479
45 - 49 "	216	15	1,129	324	9	139	1,354	478	1,832
50 - 54 "	184	15	1,080	258	8	78	1,272	351	1,623
55 - 59 "	209	5	1,168	172	6	77	1,383	254	1,637
60 years and over	268	-	1,254	13	361	52	1,883	65	1,948
TOTAL :	1,980	188	10,384	3,464	435	703	12,799	4,355	17,154

(i) Claims Admitted, Discontinuances and Persons on Benefit.

The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1948-49 and for the months February, 1949 to February, 1950, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit in each State.

## X. UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT STATES.

Period	Persons						Australia		
	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Males	Females	Persons

CLAIMS ADMITTED.

Year 1945-46	48,789	2,695	10,954	10,956	4,037	313	65,455	12,289	77,744
1946-47	12,704	16,187	35,922	1,380	11,981	404	73,379	5,199	78,578
1947-48	3,516	1,029	21,227	234	2,471	185	27,275	1,387	28,662
1948-49	2,257	288	8,455	124	884	118	11,459	667	12,126
1949. Feb.	84	24	1,325	1	75	9	1,460	58	1,518
March	118	14	1,012	4	50	8	1,157	49	1,206
April	153	17	820	22	62	9	1,020	63	1,083
May	86	16	401	4	40	6	513	40	553
June	105	28	322	25	64	17	500	61	561
July	116,343	198	13,416	5,864	5,310	30	112,746	28,415	141,161
August	9,565	232	1,363	503	113	25	10,206	1,595	11,801
Sept.	324	74	237	20	70	18	651	92	743
Oct.	167	55	298	19	79	12	525	105	630
Nov.	121	31	274	8	42	8	420	64	484
Dec. (c)	117	33	410	12	42	4	556	62	618
1950. Jan. (c)	180	94	1,142	59	76	11	1,503	52	1,562
Feb. (c)	99	9	796	8	46	11	913	56	969

DISCONTINUANCES.

Year 1945-46	47,491	2,116	7,643	10,630	2,761	230	58,879	11,992	70,871
1946-47	12,602	16,099	36,002	1,601	12,496	443	73,974	5,269	79,243
1947-48	4,577	1,630	23,285	319	3,020	201	31,538	1,494	33,032
1948-49	2,313	303	8,980	114	989	114	12,143	670	12,813
1949. Feb.	163	30	960	2	83	10	1,189	59	1,248
March	102	11	1,000	2	64	13	1,137	55	1,192
April	153	12	1,370	13	74	5	1,570	57	1,627
May	95	9	1,123	10	36	5	1,236	42	1,278
June	44	10	483	7	48	14	568	38	606
July	24,540	86	7,406	3,698	5,059	21	30,600	10,210	40,810
August	97,842	221	7,168	2,366	229	29	88,740	19,115	107,855
Sept.	3,405	123	575	313	113	18	3,918	629	4,547
Oct.	453	82	330	18	97	15	835	160	995
Nov.	157	44	247	8	53	14	448	75	523
Dec. (c)	87	26	178	9	39	6	287	58	345
1950. Jan. (c)	208	47	722	62	93	13	1,059	86	1,145
Feb. (c)	105	5	575	9	32	5	687	44	731

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.

1946 - June	1,298	579	3,311	326	1,276	83	6,576	297	6,873
1947 - June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 - June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 - Feb.	215	18	2,069	7	113	29	2,355	96	2,451
March	231	21	2,081	9	99	24	2,375	90	2,465
April	231	26	1,531	18	87	28	1,825	96	1,921
May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
June	283	51	648	30	107	32	1,034	117	1,151
July	92,086	163	6,658	2,196	358	41	83,180	18,322	101,502
August	3,809	174	853	333	242	37	4,646	802	5,448
Sept.	728	125	515	40	199	37	1,379	265	1,644
Oct.	442	98	483	41	181	34	1,069	210	1,279
Nov.	406	85	510	41	170	28	1,041	199	1,240
Dec. (c)	436	92	742	44	173	26	1,310	203	1,513
1950. Jan. (c)	408	139	1,162	41	156	24	1,754	176	1,930
Feb. (c)	402	143	1,383	40	170	30	1,980	188	2,168

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Subject to Revision.



(ii) Cause of Unemployment : The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during February, 1950 and the eight months ended February, 1950, and by those who were on benefit at 25th February, 1950.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which are made by initiative of the employee.

XI. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING FEBRUARY, 1950 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	February, 1950		Eight Months ended Feb. 1950		25th Feb., 1950	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Discharged or laid-off -						
Disciplinary reasons ..	1	-	93	2	5	-
Inefficiency, incl. medical unfitness	15	3	357	61	42	13
Power rationing ..	6	1	118,509	29,393	161	35
Shortage of materials ..	13	-	1,613	170	59	5
Strikes and lockouts ..	3	-	52	1	6	-
Seasonal Work ..	539	3	1,535	17	782	6
Casual Work ..	126	4	1,382	89	267	16
Other, including inadequately defined	207	25	1,551	273	314	32
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness, work too heavy	92	19	1,118	249	214	48
Other, including inadequately defined	69	7	861	151	104	20
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	9	-	373	17	13	1
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	2	-	36	1	3	1
Other ..	4	2	40	24	10	11
TOTAL :	1,086	64	127,520	30,448	1,980	188

(iii) Industrial Classification of -

(a) Claims Admitted and Persons on Benefit : The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during February, 1950 and the eight months ended February, 1950, and of those on benefit at 25th February, 1950.

XII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING FEBRUARY, 1950 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	February, 1950		Eight months ended Feb. 1950		25th Feb., 1950	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	454	-	1,642	13	565	-
Other Primary Production ..	9	-	393	2	21	-
Coal Mining ..	13	-	195	-	15	-
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	6	-	970	5	14	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding) ..	22	-	50,418	3,890	152	4
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	10	-	6,633	198	21	-
Textiles and articles of dress	6	13	9,111	15,386	28	29
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	205	11	6,313	2,333	405	20
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	15	-	7,195	411	35	1
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	39	2	21,213	3,211	88	8
Building and Construction ..	128	-	10,244	28	262	5
Transport and Communication ..	42	2	4,573	93	97	5
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	63	5	3,165	1,337	113	17
Finance and Property ..	3	-	139	18	8	-
Public Administration and Professional	30	4	683	227	57	9
Personal and Domestic Service ..	32	25	3,366	3,085	83	83
Other ..	9	2	1,267	211	16	10
TOTAL :	1,086	64	127,520	30,448	1,980	188

(b) Males on Benefit : Distribution by States of Males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 25th February, 1950 in the main industrial groups is shown in the following table :-

**XIII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 25TH FEBRUARY, 1950.**

**STATES.**

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	37	8	504	2	10	4	565
Other Primary Production ..	4	1	13	-	2	1	21
Coal Mining ..	12	-	2	-	-	1	15
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	5	1	6	-	2	-	14
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding)	66	28	27	6	23	2	152
Vehicles, including Aircraft	4	3	5	2	6	1	21
Textiles and articles of dress	9	1	15	-	3	-	28
Food, drink and Tobacco ..	16	3	373	-	9	4	405
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	9	1	19	2	3	1	35
Other Factories, including heat							
Light and Power ..	14	25	26	4	19	-	88
Building and Construction ..	60	27	145	7	22	1	262
Transport and Communication ..	30	10	37	6	12	2	97
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	25	3	66	2	16	1	113
Finance and Property ..	2	1	3	-	2	-	8
Public Administration and Professional	12	1	29	3	8	4	57
Personal and Domestic Service	25	10	33	2	12	1	83
Other ..	6	1	7	-	1	1	16
<b>TOTAL - 25th FEBRUARY, 1950</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,980</b>
<b>TOTAL - 26th FEBRUARY, 1949</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2,355</b>

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory

(iv) Distribution of Beneficiaries, Metropolitan and Other:

Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the eight months ended February 1950, and the persons on benefit at 25th February, 1950 are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (Based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

**XIV. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.**

State	Claims Admitted during the Eight Months ended February, 1950				On Benefit at 25th February, 1950.			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
New South Wales(b)	71,025	16,776	32,132	6,983	101	14	235	52
Victoria	149	22	450	105	56	5	68	14
Queensland	9,366	4,019	3,700	851	135	35	1,175	38
South Australia(c)	5,400	968	119	6	29	4	7	-
Western Australia	4,823	688	247	20	147	19	3	1
Tasmania	52	4	57	6	20	3	4	3
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>90,815</b>	<b>22,477</b>	<b>36,705</b>	<b>7,971</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1,492</b>	<b>108</b>

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Department of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

## 6. SICKNESS BENEFIT.

(i) Nature of Sickness : The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during February, 1950, and the eight Months ended February, 1950, and of those on benefit at 25th February, 1950.

XV. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING FEBRUARY, 1950 AND THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1950 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	February, 1950		Eight Months ended Feb. 1950		25th Feb., 1950	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	236	75	2,155	719	681	279
Cancer ..	22	3	200	30	88	23
Other Tumours ..	51	20	330	196	120	65
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	179	77	1,811	597	635	263
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	17	23	133	125	45	57
Nervous System and Sense Organs	364	142	2,920	1,192	1,092	472
Circulatory System ..	330	50	2,952	472	1,212	194
Respiratory System ..	323	60	3,442	790	910	265
Digestive System ..	892	210	7,255	1,941	1,961	514
Genito-urinary System ..	175	102	1,256	980	420	314
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc.	-	104	-	1,002	-	378
Skin and Cellular Tissues	193	41	1,437	348	422	111
Bones and Organs of Movement	91	37	882	300	289	113
Other Diseases (Including Ill-defined conditions) ..	77	34	630	245	177	91
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures ..	405	57	3,571	408	1,434	184
Other Injuries, etc. ..	371	46	3,139	357	770	114
Surgical Amputations ..	16	2	117	9	68	5
Other (including not stated)	20	6	186	64	60	22
<b>* TOTAL :</b>	<b>3,762</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>32,416</b>	<b>9,775</b>	<b>10,384</b>	<b>3,464</b>

(ii) Industrial Classification of Persons on Benefit : The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 25th February, 1950, is shown in the following table :-

XVI. SICKNESS : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH FEBRUARY, 1950.  
AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	738	27	765
Other Primary Production ..	201	-	201
Coal Mining ..	201	1	202
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	134	4	138
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding) ..	1,497	129	1,626
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	499	15	514
Textiles and articles of dress ..	418	637	1,055
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	666	162	828
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	452	21	473
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	1,030	210	1,240
Building and Construction ..	1,738	9	1,747
Transport and Communication ..	959	91	1,050
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	966	591	1,557
Finance and Property ..	59	53	112
Public Administration and Professional	286	600	886
Personal and Domestic Service ..	515	907	1,422
Other ..	25	7	32
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>10,384</b>	<b>3,464</b>	<b>13,848</b>



(iii) Distribution of Beneficiaries, Metropolitan and Other :  
Sickness-benefit claims whose admission was notified during the eight months ended February, 1950 and those current at 25th February, 1950, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table :-

XVII. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the eight months ended February, 1950				On Benefit at 25th February, 1950.			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales(b)	7,297	2,809	4,556	1,061	2,061	829	1,650	389
Victoria	4,933	1,955	2,312	617	2,676	1,098	679	179
Queensland	2,596	847	2,733	499	678	235	688	130
South Australia(c)	2,930	798	499	70	714	263	161	26
Western Australia	1,993	594	917	152	508	165	196	39
Tasmania	809	193	841	180	123	55	250	56
TOTAL :	20,558	7,196	11,858	2,579	6,760	2,645	3,624	819

(a) See footnote (a) to Table XIV. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.  
(c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the eight months ended February, 1950, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below :-

XVIII. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY, 1950.  
STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Percentage Rejects to total
N.S.W.(a)	135,429	8,513	17,934	2,211	2,336	213	155,699	10,937	7.02
Vic.	1,185	459	11,706	1,889	734	245	13,625	2,593	19.03
Q'ld.	23,587	5,651	7,899	1,224	695	212	32,181	7,087	22.02
S.A. (b)	12,456	5,963	4,974	677	420	61	17,850	6,701	37.54
W.A.	7,594	1,816	4,352	696	210	63	12,156	2,575	21.18
Tas.	179	60	2,258	235	125	37	2,562	332	12.96
TOTAL :	180,430	22,462	49,123	6,932	4,520	831	234,073	30,225	12.91

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory

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